

Provisional Vital Statistics for February 2014

Live Births increased in February as 5,740 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,530 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 2- and 12-month periods ending with February also both increased slightly. For January-February, births increased from 11,607 to 11,957.

Deaths decreased in February as 4,482 Missourians died compared with 4,806 in February, 2013. Deaths also decreased for the 2- and 12-month periods ending with February. For January-February, there were 9,727 Missouri resident deaths compared with 10,560 for the similar time period in 2013.

The **Natural Increase** in February for Missourians was 1,258 (5,740 births minus 4,482 deaths). The natural increase rose for both the 2- and 12-month periods ending with February. For the 12 months ending with February, the natural increased from 18,572 to 19,199.

Marriages increased for all three time periods shown below. For January-February, marriages increased from 3,163 to 3,388.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-February, dissolutions decreased from 3,146 to 2,843. For the 12 months ending with February, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.76 to 1.92.

Infant Deaths decreased slightly in February as 32 Missouri infants died compared with 33 in February of 2013. For the 12 months ending with February, the infant death rate decreased from 6.6 to 6.2 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>February</u>				<u>January-February Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with February</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Live Births	5,530	5,740	11.9	12.3	11,607	11,957	11.9	12.2	75,295	75,594	12.6	12.4	12.5
Deaths	4,806	4,482	10.4	9.6	10,560	9,727	10.8	9.9	56,723	56,395	9.2	9.4	9.3
Natural increase	724	1,258	1.6	2.7	1,047	2,230	1.1	2.3	18,572	19,199	3.4	3.1	3.2
Marriages	1,701	1,873	3.7	4.0	3,163	3,388	3.2	3.5	39,009	39,209	6.6	6.5	6.5
Dissolutions	1,393	1,306	3.0	2.8	3,146	2,843	3.2	2.9	22,215	20,381	3.9	3.7	3.4
Infant deaths	33	32	6.0	5.6	81	67	7.0	5.6	496	472	6.2	6.6	6.2
Population base (in thousands)			6,044	6,063			6,044	6,063			6,012	6,028	6,048

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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